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## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

- 1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one month to file a Response to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species.
- 2. A Response to Restriction Requirement And Election Of Species in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

## CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\*

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4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:

Fee for other than small entity:

One (1) month

\$110.00

Fee:

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request \$110.00

5. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on November 7, 2004.

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